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SPECIFICATION

The method or process of securing a skateboard to the bottom of a backpack.

The process is described as follows.

Using the normal (standard) backpack, also referred to as a school bookbag, which is typically 17"h x 14"w x 7"d, (Though, dimensions vary), the independent claim and dependent claims herein describe some of the varieties of the manufacturing or modifying of these backpacks, in a means as to provide bottom support to secure a skateboard.

As we all know, there is an unlimited number of designs that can be made to provide a way to secure a skateboard to the bottom of a backpack. It is nearly impossible to discuss and cover all possibilities, nor practical to patent each. However, this is why I am requesting patent rights for the process or method of securing a skateboard to the bottom of a backpack. I have addressed three designs of the methods (dependent claims) of which this process can be manufactured or used.

One method of design is to manufacture the backpack with an additional flap that is located at the bottom rear of the backpack. This flap can be of any width, but the typical and recommended size is 10"l x 10-6"w. Please note that the flap size can vary based upon the size of the backpack. This flap is sewn into the bottom rear seam of the backpack and is centered. The fasteners used to secure the flap both with or without a skateboard, can be of any material, such as, velcro, snaps, buckles, or clip mechanisms.

Located at the bottom front panel of the backpack, is the receiving end to complete the securing process of the flap. This can be made of any material, textile strip, velcro, snap, buckle, or clip mechanism. The typical and recommended design is to sew at both ends, a strip, strap, or web-style material to the front bottom panel of the backpack. Typically, this is located approximately ½-1" up from the bottom of the front panel seam, and is centered on the front panel of the backpack. This allows the flap to be pulled under the skateboard, threaded through the front strap, and then folded over and connected by either velcro, snaps, buckles, or clip mechanisms.

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The process of using the flap style is as follows:

- The backpack is laid on its back (shoulder strap side down).
- The flap is extended or laid out flat from the back bottom seam outward.
- The flap is then lifted upward and pulled toward the front panel of the backpack.
- The forward end of the flap is then tucked (threaded) underneath the strap located at the bottom front panel.
- The forward end of the flap is then pulled through and folded over the strap and is secured either by velcro, or any other securing devise.

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TITLE OF INVENTION

The method or process of any means in which to secure and carry a skateboard on the bottom of a backpack.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

"Not Applicable"

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

"Not Applicable"

REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING, TABLE, OR COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING...

"Not Applicable"

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention pertains to a backpack that allows a skateboard to be attached to the bottom of the backpack. I have checked exhaustively into like items, inventions, and or styles of this process, but have found none to exist. There is an unlimited number of backpacks and luggage of all types. There is also an unlimited number of backpacks and luggage that have wheel capabilities and wheeled devices that are incorporated into them. However, to the best of my knowledge, a backpack that offers a detachable skateboard at the bottom of the backpack is non-existent.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention provides the ability to attach a skateboard of any size to the bottom of a backpack. This not only allows easy transportation of the skateboard, but also allows a method in which a young school-aged child can pull their backpack/bookbag alongside them, which makes it much easier to transport their books and other items that may become too heavy in their backpack. Children of school age or any age, or even sports enthusiasts of all ages, to include families with children of all ages, can enjoy the convenience of a backpack or sports bag that not only provides them the convenience of several pockets for drinks, equipment, and other necessities, but also incorporates the ability to carry a skateboard underneath the backpack.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures:

1A. Figure 1A shows a front view of a backpack with a skateboard attached to the bottom.

(independent claim) In this drawing, the backpack has been manufactured so that a device located at the bottom of the backpack allows a skateboard to be affixed to the bottom of the backpack; allowing the backpack to be carried on one's back, or pulled alongside the individual, while the skateboard is attached. Note that the skateboard can be removed and is not permanently affixed to the bottom of the backpack.

2A. Figure 2A identifies one type of attachment device. In this drawing, a flap of any material; usually the same material as was used to manufacture the backpack, is shaped and used to support a skateboard underneath the backpack. (dependent claim #1) In this example, the manufacturer has sewn into the bottom back seam of the backpack a flap, made of the same material as the backpack. This flap has had velcro attached specifically placed at the end, so that the flap can then be put under a skateboard, then pulled up and under a belt or webbing which is sewn at both ends to the bottom of the front panel of the backpack, to which the flap end can be pulled under and then over the belt, where then the end of the flap will secure with velcro and keep the skateboard attached underneath.

2B. Figure 2B identifies another type of attachment device. In this drawing, two straps, belts, or bands are used to support a skateboard underneath the backpack. (dependent claim #2) The straps have buckles which are used to secure the ends of the straps, thus holding the skateboard underneath the backpack.

2C. Figure 2C identifies another type of attachment device. (dependent claim #3) In this drawing, the bottom view shows that a sleeve or pocket has been attached (or sewn into the bottom of the backpack), to each end of the bottom of the backpack. This allows a skateboard to slip into or through each sleeve, in order to support the skateboard. Both ends of the skateboard are slipped into the sleeves, which allows a skateboard to be carried underneath the backpack.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

This invention (method/process) has been designed to provide individuals the ability to carry a skateboard on the bottom of their backpack while they are carrying the backpack on their backs. It also provides the individual the ability to remove the skateboard and ride the skateboard while carrying their backpack on their backs. This invention also provides a toy, a mode of travel, or even just a novelty, as well as the ability to hold items in the numerous compartments that are in all backpacks and bookbags. This invention also provides a means to allow a younger child to pull their backpack alongside them as they walk, while the skateboard is attached to the bottom of the backpack.

What makes this invention different from all other backpacks or luggage is as follows:

- The bottom of the backpack has a flap, strap(s), or end sleeves, that are used to secure a skateboard on the bottom of the backpack. Please note that this patent application is to patent the "process of attaching a skateboard to the bottom of a backpack."
- Other packs and luggage exist, however, these packs or luggage either have straps on the "front" of the backpack for placing the skateboard, or "pockets" in the pack that holds the skateboard. While, other luggage designs incorporate permanently affixed wheels with a pull-up handle. Some backpacks even have straps on the "front" of the backpack for attaching a skateboard to. However, I have seen no design that has incorporated a method of attaching and carrying a skateboard to the bottom of a backpack.
- This invention is unique for either of the following designs:
 - Flap sewn into bottom back seam which folds up underneath a skateboard and secures around a strap/belt in the bottom front panel of the backpack.
 - One or more straps located on the bottom of the backpack that are used to hold a skateboard underneath the bottom of the backpack.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION (continued)

- Two end sleeves or pockets, sewn into the bottom seam of both ends of the backpack. This allows the ends of a skateboard to fit inside each sleeve, thus, holding the skateboard in place.
- Use of the backpack is as follows:
 - The backpack can be worn on the individual's back.
 - The backpack can be pulled alongside a younger child.
 - The backpack can be worn while the individual is riding the detachable skateboard.
 - The backpack is designed to function as a basic backpack to include the ability to carry books, drinks, etc.
 - The uniqueness is that this backpack also carries a skateboard underneath.